

- I. **Mayor Fred Armstrong called a special meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 7:00 PM.**
  - A. **Introduction of Page:** There were no pages this evening.
  - B. **Guests:** State Police Trooper and Columbus resident, Tommy Walker will be a part of a law enforcement contingent that will be carrying the Olympic torch through Europe for the Special Olympics to be played in Ireland. Tommy introduced Columbus resident Brad Parks who will be participating in the World Special Olympics as a USA Basketball player. He also presented \$1400 to Brad to assist him in paying for his travel and participation in the games. The money was raised through a law enforcement officer fund raiser at Red Lobster. Mayor Armstrong then read a proclamation declaring May 21, 2003 as Brad Parks Day in Columbus.
  - C. **Opening Prayer** was given by Clerk Treasurer John Baughn.
  - D. **Pledge – Mayor Armstrong** led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - E. **Roll Call:** Present: John Brown, Ann DeVore, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Robert Kittle, Martha Myers, and August Tindell Absent: None
  - F. **Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting** – Robert Kittle noted a scrivener's error on page 178, II, C in which "Rob Kittle, not George Dutro moved to deny the ordinance." With the scrivener's error duly noted, Mr. Kittle moved to accept the minutes of the May 7th meeting. Ann DeVore seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- II. **Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action**
  - A. **First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2003, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ISSUANCE OF CITY OF COLUMBUS OTTER CREEK GOLF COURSE REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS OF 2003, THE EXCHANGE OF SUCH BONDS FOR AND DISCHARGE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS OTTER CREEK GOLF COURSE REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS OF 1998, THE SAFEGUARDING OF THE INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS OF SAID BONDS, OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, AND REPEALING ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH."** This item was postponed from a previous agenda. Karl Sturbaum of Bose McKinney & Evans who prepared the document gave a brief overview of this Otter Creek bond refinancing. Brad Davis of Irwin Union Bank also explained this refinance would lessen the cash flow pressures on the golf course operations. They assured the council that this refinance creates no debt o the city and no affect on the city's borrowing capacity. The refinance extends the term of the bonds from 15 to 22 years at a rate of 5.35%. **George Dutro moved to place the ordinance in proper channels. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**
  - B. **Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.\_\_\_\_, 2003, COLUMBUS COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL."** This resolution pertains to the city's Thoroughfare Plan and it had been postponed for action from a previous meeting. Laura Thayer introduced former city engineer and current consultant on this project, David Hayward. He distributed project maps and a clipped binder of changes resulting from items discussed with Ann and Roger DeVore. He also gave out a summary of the overall changes to the plan made and highlights of the document. George Dutro expressed his desire to see specifications for bicycle trails throughout the city in this plan. There was some lengthy conversation regarding the use of bicycle paths as they are used in neighborhoods, arterials, and collectors, and how they link to the People Trail Plan. Ed Curtain from the Parks Department expressed his support of this idea within the People Trail Plan. Hayward wondered whether this was an item for written policy phase or the implementation phase of the project. **George Dutro moved to postpone action on this resolution until the second meeting in June at which time the bicycle trail issue might be resolved. Craig Hawes seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**
- III. **New Business Requiring Council Action**
  - A. **Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO. 10, 2003, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-101-1201-7."** (Dorel) Judy Jackson introduced Jeffery Hale Executive Vice President of Strategic Operations for Dorel Juvenile Group, Inc. This abatement ids the result of Dorel choosing to stay and expand operations in Columbus. Dorel will be investing over \$22.5 million in new manufacturing equipment and 336,000 square feet in expanded building space. George Dutro thanked the Dorel Leadership for staying and investing in Columbus. Mayor Armstrong also thanked Dorel for stepping up to the table to work out a plan in Columbus for using a local construction company (Force) for the expansion. Brooke Tuttle, Economic Development Board President, stated that the Dorel plan is a model of successful planning with the city. Craig reported on behalf of the Incentive Review Committee and stated that Dorel is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the abatement process. **Craig Hawes moved to approve the resolution that will allow Dorel to invest over \$22.5 million and to maintain and expand job opportunities in Columbus. Ann DeVore seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- B. **Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 11, 2003, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” (NTN Driveshaft)** Judy Jackson introduced Tom Fowler Vice President of NTN Driveshaft, Inc. Mr. Fowler reviewed this abatement request that will allow the company to invest \$41.9 million in equipment and an additional \$12 million for 210,000 square feet in manufacturing space. This is the eleventh expansion for NTN since coming to Columbus in 1991. Craig reported on behalf of the Incentive Review Committee and stated that NTN is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the abatement process. **Craig Hawes moved to approve the 11<sup>th</sup> abatement request for NTN. Martha Myers seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

At this time of the meeting Craig Hawes entered into the record that five (5) companies have submitted their annual CF1 forms as required. The companies are CAPCO, LLC, Cunningham Pattern, Nagakura Engineering, Tobar, Inc., and Toyota Tsusho. However, there are four (4) additional companies that need further review.

- C. **Reading of a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2003, RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CEDF) APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS.”** Judy Jackson and Trena Carter of ARa presented this grant request to the State of Indiana that is part of the incentive package to aid Dorel in its plan to remain and invest in Columbus. This grant will aid in the purchase of \$2 million in capital equipment for Dorel. **Craig Hawes moved to approve the application. Rob Kittle seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**
- D. **First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2003, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REZONE AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 0.63 ACRES, LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND CENTRAL AVENUE, FROM I-2 (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL) TO B-5 (GENERAL BUSINESS).” (Graham Todd 14<sup>th</sup> Street rezoning)** Laura Thayer presented this request from Graham Todd for new location on Central Avenue. Laura referenced map RZ-03-06. John Brown asked about parking requirements for the neighboring building since this business would take away parking from it. Laura stated that due to downsizing of the neighboring business the employment capacity does not require this parking. Further discussion took place regarding the amount of lighting allowed on neighboring property. It was concluded that the lighting requirements of the city’s ordinances are vague and need further review and amendment. **Rob Kittle moved to amend the ordinance by placing the condition that the lighting on the site is not to exceed one (1) foot-candle at the property line. Ann DeVore seconded. The amendment passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**Craig Hawes moved to place the ordinance in proper channels. Martha Myers seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

#### IV. Other Business

- A. **Standing Committee and Liaison Reports.** Some reports were given for informational purposes.
- C. **Next Regular Scheduled meeting June 3, 2003**
- B. **Adjourn - Martha Myers moved to adjourn. Rob Kittle seconded. The motion passed with 7 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.**

ATTEST:

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer